REPORT OF THE NCAA DIVISION I FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE NOVEMBER 11, 2024, VIDEOCONFERENCE

ACTION ITEMS.

None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. Request to amend maximum institutional official visit limitation for Football (FCS). The committee continued their discussion of a request to amend football's official visit legislation. The committee directed the staff to approve a blanket waiver to allow institutions to provide an unlimited number of official visits in championship subdivision football over the period of April 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025. The committee will discuss legislative solutions in a future meeting.
- 2. NCAA Division I Football Championship Committee update. The committee received an update from the Division I Football Championship Committee. The Division I Football Championship Committee recently released its Top 10 for the 2024 season. The release was well received by the membership and fan base. The committee may consider multiple Top 10 releases in future years. Additionally, the process of seeding 16 teams was reviewed and it was noted that a mock selection and bracketing exercise was conducted. It was noted that the committee must place teams geographically in the first round once the top 16 seeds are established. Some flexibility is available to balance the bracket, but it is possible that a conference vs. conference matchup could occur in the first round if there are no other options. A pilot travel policy was noted for visiting teams traveling by air that have kickoff times at 3 p.m. local time or later. Such teams will stay overnight after the contest and return home the morning after the game to ensure a smoother travel experience. The bid portal to host the 2026 and 2027 NCAA Division I Football Championships is open while renovations to the stadium in Frisco, Texas are being completed. The committee will review bids and hear presentations soon.
- 3. Playing and Practice Season Subgroup update. The committee received an update from the subgroup's October videoconferences. The committee discussed feedback from the FCS conferences regarding the first contest date and standardizing 12 as the maximum number of contests. The committee agreed to continue its discussion in December. Additionally, the subgroup plans to discuss spring football and summer athletic activities during future videoconferences.
- 4. NCAA Division I Football Student-Athlete Connection Group. The committee received an update from the November 3 FSACG videoconference. During that videoconference, the FSACG discussed the first contest date concepts and playing season legislation. They also received a demonstration of the NCAA NIL Assist application. The connection group's next meeting is on December 1.
- **5. NCAA Division I governance update.** The committee received an update on the NCAA Division I October 8-9 NCAA Division I Council meeting and future governance meetings.

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- **6. NCAA legal issues update.** The committee received a legal update from the NCAA Office of Legal Affairs.
- 7. NCAA Division I Football Bowl Subdivision Oversight Committee update. The FCSOC received an update from the November 11 FBSOC videoconference.
- 8. Approve NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision Oversight Committee October 7 report and Football Bowl Subdivision and Football Championship Oversight Committees October 8 joint report. The committee approved the October 7 FCSOC report and the October 8 FBSOC and FCSOC joint report.
- 9. Future meetings.
 - a. 1 to 2:30 p.m. Eastern time, Monday, December 2, 2024; videoconference.
 - b. 1 to 2:30 p.m. Eastern time, Thursday, January 23, 2025; videoconference.
 - c. Monday, February 10 and Tuesday, February 11, 2025; Indianapolis.

Committee Chair: Shawn Heilbron, Stony Brook University.

Staff Liaisons: Ty Halpin, NCAA Championships and Alliances.

Kris Richardson, NCAA Academic and Membership Affairs.

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Attendees:

Craig Bohl, American Football Coaches Association.

Charles Brown Jr., Delaware State University.

Raynoid Dedeaux, Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference. (alternate)

Jean Gee, University of Montana; Big Sky Conference.

Chris Grant; Southland Conference.

Anton Goff, Prairie View A&M, Southwest Athletic Conference

Gerald Harrison, Austin Peay State University; Atlantic Sun Conference.

Shawn Heilbron, Stony Brook University; Coastal Athletic Association.

Matt Larsen, North Dakota State University.

Bob Nielson, University of South Dakota; The Summit League.

Jeffrey J. Roberts, Tennessee Technological University.

Benjamin Shove; Northeast Conference.

Jason Strong, Yale University; The Ivy League.

Jermaine Truax, Bucknell University; Patriot League

Greg Walter, Pioneer Football League; Pioneer Football League.

Mark Wilson, Tennessee Technological University; Ohio Valley Conference.

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Absentees:

Dena Freeman-Patton, Morgan State University; Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.

Jamaal Walton, Virginia Military Institute; Southern Conference.

NCAA Staff Liaisons in Attendance:

Ty Halpin and Kris Richardson.

Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:

Geoff Bentzel, DJ Brown, Amanda Conklin, Chris Howard, Chris Johnson, Greg Johnson, Greg Pottorff and Lynda Tealer.